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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE  
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TAGS: PFOR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON  
ZAIRE

1. PARAS 2 - 10 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR  
MARCH 31 BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED:

2. Q: WHAT'S THE SITUATION AROUND KOLWEZI?

A: I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE BUSINESS OF GIVING  
SITREPS. (FOR BACKGROUND USE ONLY: THE CITY OF KOLWEZI  
REMAINS IN GOVERNMENT HANDS; THE INVADING FORCES ARE  
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BETWEEN KOLWEZI AND MUTSHATSHA.)

3. Q: HAVE WE RESPONDED TO THE FURTHER AID REQUEST?

A: NO. THE AID REQUEST IS STILL UNDER STUDY.

4. Q: HAS U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE BEEN EFFECTIVE?

A: THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE TIME FOR POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE U.S. EQUIPMENT SHIPPED TO ZAIRE TO APPEAR. IN ANY CASE, THE TYPE OF MATERIEL INCLUDED IN THOSE TWO SHIPMENTS SERVES MERELY TO SUPPORT AN EFFORT.

5. Q: HAS THE DEPARTMENT APPROACHED CONGRESS WITH PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE IN LIGHT OF THE FIGHTING?

A: NO. THERE HAS BEEN NO APPROACH TO CONGRESS FOR ANY NEW MONIES FOR ZAIRE.

6. Q: ANYTHING NEW ON WHO THE INVADERS ARE?

A: WE HAVE NO MORE PRECISE IDEA OF WHO THE INVADERS ARE.

7. Q: IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF CUBAN SUPPORT OR INVOLVEMENT?

A: IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO US THAT CUBANS ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING IN SHABA PROVINCE.

8. Q: WHAT PLANS, IF ANY, ARE THERE TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM SHABA?

A: WHILE WE CANNOT SPEAK FOR THOSE NON-OFFICIAL AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO MAY WISH TO LEAVE SHABA, OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY IN KINSHASA HAS NO PLANS TO EVACUATE OFFICIAL AMERICANS FROM SHABA AT THIS TIME.

9. IF ASKED ONLY

Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN SHABA HAVE LEFT THE TOWN OR VILLAGES WHERE THEY WERE WORKING?

A: THESE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE TEACHERS; DURING THE END-OF-SEMESTER HOLIDAY WHICH BEGINS APRIL 1, THEY WILL BE ATTENDING A TRAINING SEMINAR IN LUBUMBASHI.

10. Q: DO WE THINK PRESIDENT MOBUTU CAN SURVIVE THIS CRISIS?

A: PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS SURVIVED OTHER VERY SERIOUS CRISES IN THE PAST AND REMAINS IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.

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